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§ 102.8 Reporting accidents.

(a) *To airline and Civil Aeronautics Administration representatives.* If a scheduled United States air carrier is involved the airline representatives concerned will probably be the first to be informed of the accident, in which event he will be expected to report the accident to the Foreign Service post, to the nearest Civil Aeronautics Administration office, and to his home office in the United States. If this is not the case, the Foreign Service post

should report promptly to the nearest office of the airline concerned and to the nearest office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, any accident occurring to a scheduled civil air carrier of United States registry within its consular district. To be properly prepared, each post should obtain and have on file for ready reference, the address and telephone number of representatives of any United States airline engaged in scheduled operations within or over the post district.

(b) *To Department and supervisory Foreign Service offices.* A Foreign Service post should report promptly to the Department accidents to any United States civil aircraft occurring in the post district. The report should summarize all available information and, in the case of a scheduled United States air carrier, should state whether the airline has taken over the responsibility of notifying the nearest Civil Aeronautics Administration field office. This report should be submitted by the most expeditious means possible (priority telephone or telegraph message) at Government expense. If the accident involves a private plane or non-scheduled air carrier, these circumstances should be reported, also whether the nearest office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration has been informed. In the latter case, the Department will ascertain from the Civil Aeronautics Board whether it desires to investigate the case, and inform the Foreign Service post accordingly. Consular posts should submit a similar report to their supervisory missions or to their supervisory consular offices in territories where there are no United States missions. Supplementary reports should be supplied the Department and the supervisory Foreign Service office whenever considered appropriate. A final report, after the urgency has diminished, and when the post's role is negligible should cover the post's activities in connection with the accident (see § 102.16(b)).

§ 102.9 Arranging for entry and travel of investigating and airline representatives.

Representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the United States

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airline involved may not have the documents necessary for entry into the country where the accident occurred. The local Foreign Service post should lend all assistance possible in obtaining the entry of such representatives into the country where the accident occurred and in expediting their travel to the scene of the accident.

§ 102.10 Rendering assistance at the scene of the accident.

Always in the case of a scheduled United States air carrier and whenever necessary in the case of a non-scheduled carrier or private plane, a local Foreign Service post should dispatch a member of its staff to the scene of the accident in order to insure that proper protection is afforded United States citizens and property involved in the accident and that any evidence as to the cause of the accident is preserved until the arrival of United States Government investigating personnel. (For steps to be taken when the aircraft was carrying a courier or diplomatic pouches, see § 102.14(b).) In the absence of an airline representative, the Foreign Service representative should lend the competent local authorities all possible assistance compatible with the provisions of § 102.11 in caring for the survivors, identifying and disposing of the remains of victims, salvaging and protecting property and preserving wreckage pending an investigation. If an airline representative is already at the scene of the accident or if one arrives shortly thereafter, the Foreign Service representative should assist him in the discharge of his recognized responsibilities in connection with passengers and cargo. However, the Foreign Service representative is also obligated to assist investigating personnel of the United States Government by preserving evidence as to the cause of the accident. Any attempt on the part of the airline representative to exceed his recognized sphere of activity should be called to the attention of the airline involved and the competent local authorities.

§ 102.11 Arranging for the payment of expenses attendant upon an accident.

(a) The Department of State has no funds from which expenses attendant upon an accident to United States aircraft can be paid. In emergencies involving scheduled carriers and in the absence of airline representatives, or other authority, the Foreign Service post should request a deposit from the airline (through the Department if desired) with specific authorization to incur whatever financial obligations the airline is willing to assume for the hiring of guards (in case local police protection is considered inadequate), the provision of accommodations, medical care, and onward transportation for survivors and for other expenses resulting from the accident. In accidents involving a private plane or non-scheduled carrier, the Foreign Service post is not in a position to expend any funds without prior authorization from the Department. In such cases, and in extreme cases involving scheduled carriers, when airline and investigation personnel may be delayed in reaching the scene, the Foreign Service representative, as the representative of all segments of the United States Government in the area, should endeavor to protect and promote the interests of the Government, the airline, and the individual citizen by any means available to him that are consistent with these regulations, and should request funds and instructions as required from the Department.

(b) The local Foreign Service post is not authorized to expend any funds for guarding the wreckage to preserve evidence as to the cause of the accident unless the Civil Aeronautics Board or the Civil Aeronautics Administration authorizes in advance the expenditure of such funds on a reimbursable basis. In the absence of such advance authorization, the Foreign Service post can arrange only for such protection as local authorities are willing to furnish gratuitously.

(c) Voluntary services and personal services in excess of those authorized by law may be accepted and utilized in